(c) whether any payment was withheld?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Of the 8 Delhi based ITDC Hotels, 3 Hotels made purchase during the last three years as per details given below:

Name of Unit	Amount of purchases made		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
	(In Rupees)		
1. Ashok Hotel, New Delhi	705.00	..	..
2. Hotel Samrat, New Delhi	51072.00	46924.00	..
3. Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi	20629.00	70068.00	182624.00

(b) and (c) The goods supplied by the firm being of acceptable standard no payment was with held.

Publication of Book on Tourism

334. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Book titled "Little Known Treasures" published by the Department of Tourism wherein some objectionable facts were incorporated about the North-East;

(b) whether Government would shoulder the responsibility and find out who has supplied the fact that Guwahati is situated within the Himalayas;

(c) whether Government would take the responsibility about the gross mistake about the fact Cherrapunji is famous for its past glory as the seat of Ahom power where historical remnants are attraction to the tourists;

(d) whether Government would find out who has supplied the facts that Calcutta is the airport of Agartala and Dimapur is the airport of Imphal;

(e) whether according to Government, Guwahati, Imphal and Agartala are all little known places in the country, and whether it amounts to an insult to the people of this region; and

(f) whether Government would delete the objectionable and distorted portions from the book?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (f) The brochure entitled "Little Known Treasures" was brought out with a view to drawing attention of international tourists to tourist destinations which are yet to become popular. The tourist literature is prepared through well-known tourist literature agencies and with the assistance of established travel writers with a view to making them attractive and informative from the tourist point of view. Mistakes when noticed are corrected in subsequent publications.

Purchase of fire-tenders by Airport Authority of India

335. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: